

Wycombe hand out a lesson

Wycombe Wanderers 10,
Bournemouth XI 0

THE Bournemouth Youth team, training at Bisham Abbey this week, were totally overpowered and outplayed by Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday night.

The youngsters, whose average age was 17 and who included five 15 year olds, put up a brave performance in the face of the ten goal barrage but had neither the experience nor physical weight to cope.

Credit must go to Bournemouth, however, for fulfilling the fixture. Their first team were beating Blackburn 3-0 on Tuesday night while in the afternoon Bournemouth's Combination side thrashed Q.P.R. 5-1. Five players in the latter side came down for their second game in five hours.

As it transpired the match was a useful exercise for Wanderers and it gave them the chance to try out a new player - Kenny Swain. Studying at Shoreditch College, Egham, Kenny played for the

South East Colleges against the South West at Loakes Park last week and was invited for a game.

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Although he faced precious little challenge from the visitors defence, he nevertheless showed some excellent control and sound distribution. As well as that, he scored one of the cheekiest goals of the season at Loakes Park!

The game also confirmed that Wycombe are devastating when they are allowed to play football. They had so much time on Tuesday, some of the moves were tremendous and with Bournemouth just waiting for them to come, their defence was torn to shreds.

The finishing was deadly. Tony Horseman and Tony Amos both grabbed hat-tricks while John Delaney, Keith Searle, Swain and another Amos goal, took the score into double figures.

Plucky Bournemouth almost took the lead after six minutes when Warren latched onto Delaney's poor pass-back but Ian Rundle charged back to boot the ball off the line in the nick of time. It was about the youngsters only chance of the match.

The Searle-Horseman combination put Wycombe ahead in the 21st minute with 'Bodger' scoring and he added another superb effort in the 30th. Controlling a difficult cross to perfection, Tony rattled home a fine shot to make it 2-0. A minute later Searle, put through by Horseman, found the target and then 60 seconds after that, 'Bodger' scored off a post to make it 4-0 with a scintillating spell of three goals in two minutes.

Several half time changes brought little respite for Bournemouth. Swain laid on goal number five for Amos and then John Delaney got into the act

with a deft header to make it 6-0. Swain was rewarded for a fine debut when he beat Bond, Pushed the ball wide of 'keeper Iles across goal and when it seemed the angle was too acute for a shot, back-heeled the ball across the line.

Tony Amos added three more, one a classic diving header from Pritchard's hard cross, to complete a sound lesson in attacking football.

WYCOMBE: P. Spittle; I. Rundle, D. Bullock (sub L. Pritchard 45 mins), J. Delaney, D. Gamblin; P. Birdseye, M. Hollifield, A. Gane; K. Searle, A. Horseman (sub A. Amos 45 mins), K. Swain.

BOURNEMOUTH: R. Iles; H. Falconer (sub Bond 45 mins), I. Harmer, B. Lawrence, A. Taylor, H. Goddard (sub M. Bridge 45 mins), P. Warren, M. Nightingale (sub Griffiths 45 mins), D. Loney.

REFEREE: R. Smith (High Wycombe).

HALF TIME: 4-0.

GOALSCORERS: Wycombe - Amos 4 (63, 70, 78, 86), Horseman 3 (21, 30, 32), Searle (31), Delaney (59), Swain (61).